



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 15**

**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2006  
**Meeting Location:** Versailles State Police Post

### **Council Members Present:**

Melissa Norman, Rob King, India Turner, Amy Phillips, Mary Riede

### **Council Members Absent:**

Judge Tedd Todd, Judge James Humphrey, Judge Carl Taul, Stacey Beauchamp, Cindi Wagner, Randy Hildebrand and Traci Eggleston

### **Others In Attendance:**

Teresa Nobbe, Admin. Assistant; Lisa Peck & Judy Bannister, Children's Bureau; Connie Chambers, George Jr. Preventative Aftercare

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 10:00 a.m.

- I. Introductions
- II. CHILDREN'S BUREAU
  - A. Will need input from directors as to which county should be central hub and where to branch out from there.
  - B. Would like a representative from each county to serve on their Advisory Board, which they would like to meet monthly. If you know of anyone please bring their name/address/phone to next month's meeting so that Children's Bureau may get in contact with them. Melissa will make them an agenda item for the May 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting on 5/10/06 at Ripley Co. DCS.
  - C. Handout – RFP guideline
    - 1. There was a concern that the contract included only 1 case manager (would carry a caseload of 15), Program Director (carry ½ caseload) and Case Aide (possible volunteer, mentoring position). Melissa was going to check on how we would meet the region's needs.

2. Case manager position requires a Bachelor's Degree w/some work experience. India mentioned there is a pool of applicants from recent job postings within DCS.
- D. Suggested region look at getting community support to retain services once contract is over and possibly no longer any funding.
  - E. Referrals may come from DCS, hospital, Healthy Families, etc. However, they must be first screened to ensure Healthy Families is not already working with family.
  - F. Melissa is going to get clarification as to what families are eligible for services (substantiated case, but is closed).
  - G. No cost for their services, but may incur expenses when referred to other community agencies.
  - H. They have literature they can offer to families, but program is really community driven.
  - I. Average service time is usually 3-6 months.
- III. CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
- A. Allotments have been passed to Celia – no further questions at this time.
- IV. GRANTS
- A. Baby Basket: Ohio/\$1000 & Dearborn/\$5000; Rob made motion to approve – India seconded – all in favor.
  - B. Heart House: Ohio/\$2000 & Dearborn/; Rob made motion to approve – India seconded – all in favor.
- V. CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
- A. Ripley Co. met with prosecutor and he is very excited and willing to write letters, etc. to make this happen. He wants the TEAM trained in Finding Words and India is looking for a grant that would pay for the training. Other counties want it as well. It was suggested finding funds and possible offering the training in our Region. Mary suggested asking Prevent Child Abuse for funding.
  - B. Need to form a sub-committee to move forward. India will set up another meeting with prosecutor and update Melissa.
  - C. Handout – Melissa passed out handouts: Casie Center, Inter Agency Agreement and Best Practices – CAC.
  - D. Suggestion of 3 community members from each county to form an 18 member board of directors.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:**

May 19<sup>th</sup>, Versailles State Police Post, 10:00 a.m.

At which time we will discuss possibly rotating meetings, changing time, etc.

Melissa will be polling the Judges to see what would work better for them.

**Meeting Adjourned at:**

11:30 a.m.